



## **CITY OF HAYWARD**

### **AGENDA REPORT**

AGENDA DATE 06/07/05

AGENDA ITEM 7

WORK SESSION ITEM           

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Award of Department of Justice DNA Evidence Management Grant

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the United States Department of Justice accepting a DNA Evidence Management Grant.


#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Hayward Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$419,017 from the United States Department of Justice to improve the Department's evidence handling operations specifically targeting DNA evidence. This award stems from a competitive process that solicited applications addressing the use of DNA evidence for solving violent crime. Hayward's application focuses on improving the coordination and management of the various evidence handling procedures including collection, processing, forensic analysis and storage. By taking a "total process" approach to the evidence chain the department's application demonstrated how the ability to solve old and new violent crimes using DNA technology would be enhanced.

More specifically, the department identified four key goals that would be addressed if the grant were awarded. The first would be to establish standardization and continuity with respect to the evidence collection and handling process. Second, specialized training would be provided to police personnel to ensure that proper collection and handling procedures are used. Third, old or "cold" cases would be identified and evaluated for solvability by assessing any biological evidence in light of today's DNA lab technology. Finally, a supervisory level police officer (Sergeant) would be assigned to the project to provide the requisite level of experience and management skills to plan, coordinate and manage the various evidence handling operations within the department. The grant period is for two years and covers personnel costs, travel, equipment, laboratory testing and training. No funding match from the City is required.


Implementation of this program will significantly benefit the Police Department's overall evidence handling procedures with a specific emphasis on the use of DNA technology. The result will be to add another important resource that can be called upon to solve both cold and new violent crimes.

Prepared by:



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Recommended by:

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Lloyd Lowe, Chief of Police

Approved by:



Jesús Armas, City Manager

Attachment: Draft Resolution

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL 

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM A  
GRANT AWARDED TO THE HAYWARD POLICE  
DEPARTMENT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE, IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO ENHANCE  
THE HAYWARD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EVIDENCE  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that Resolution No. 04-101, a Resolution Approving the Budget of the City of Hayward for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, is hereby amended by authorizing expenditure of funds received from the U.S. Department of Justice, to Implement a program to enhance the Hayward Police Department's Evidence Management System in the grant total amount of \$419,017, for a two-year period and requires no funding match from the City

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this Council.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward